### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF WATERTOWN June 3, 2002 7:00 P.M.

### MAYOR PRO TEM ROXANNE M. BURNS PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

**MAYOR PRO TEM BURNS** 

ABSENT: MAYOR JOSEPH M. BUTLER

**ALSO PRESENT:** CITY MANAGER JERRY C. HILLER

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU

**CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE** 

Assistant Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- No. 1 Approving Summer Youth Employment Program Agreement
- No. 2 Accepting Bid for Chemicals, Water Filtration Plant, Slack Chemical Company
- No. 3 Accepting Bids for Chemicals, Water Filtration Plant, Carbon Activated Corp.
- No. 4 Accepting Bid for Chemicals, Water Filtration Plant, Eaglebrook, Inc.
- No. 5 Accepting Bid for Chemicals, Water Filtration Plant, Chemical Distributors, Inc.
- No. 6 Accepting Proposals for Paratransit Services, Guilfoyle Ambulance Service
- No. 7 Authorizing the Execution of a Cooperation Agreement With Jefferson County Pertaining to the HOME Program
- No. 8 Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of a 900 Sq. Ft. Addition and 23 Space Parking Lot at 133, 203 & 207 N. Massey Street, Parcels No. 7-05-121, 7-06-101 and 7-06-123
- No. 9 Authorizing An Application to the Environmental Protection Fund and Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for Route 3 Wave Whitewater Park
- No. 10 -Finding that the Proposed Route 3 Wave Whitewater Park as Outlined in the Application to New York State Under the Environmental Protection Fund and Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- No. 11 -Authorizing an Application to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
- No. 12 -Local Law No. 7 of 2002
- No.13- Public Hearing Resolution Approving the Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Charles L. Fluno, P.E., on Behalf of Peter & Brenda Cavallario, to Allow Remote Parking at 203-207 N. Massey Street, Parcels No. 7-06-101 and 7-06-123

### COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2002 and the adjourned meeting of May 24, 2002 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman Simmons and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

#### ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

From the City Assessor advising Council that Kevin Robinson has offered to negotiate the sale and purchase of the following City owner property:

VL Corner of Coffeen and Kendall Ave. North Parcel No. Part of State Appropriation for Coffeen Street Lot size approximately 50' x 50'

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From the American Legion Post No. 61 urging the City to continue the DARE program.

#### ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

A petition was received containing approximately 16 signatures asking that a four-way stop sign be placed at the intersection of Holcomb and Mullin Streets.

#### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Mayor Pro Tem Burns proclaimed the week of June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup> as <u>Little Theater</u> Week in the City of Watertown.

### PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR EXTENDED

Olivia Russell, representing R.A.S.P. addressed the chair expressing her concerns about the problems they are still having with the salt pile. She advised the Council that trucks were hauling salt before the Memorial Day weekend to fulfill a state contract. She stated that the pad still has not been fixed and the salt pile continues to cave in. She asked Council to consider zoning laws similar to the ones that Brownville has. She also advised

Council that Mr. Cleaves pumped out the bladder in the middle of the night because it was full of salt water.

Councilman Clough asked Mr. Hiller about this and also asked him to read the letter from Converse Labs.

Mr. Hiller explained that the City Engineer had a meeting with DEC to discuss the asphalt fix and the drainage problem. Mr. Hiller read the letter, which outlined the work that the labs had undertaken to date on the project. It referred to permission request forms being sent out to neighbors and the fact that many had been returned by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**John Desormeau,** Morrison Street, addressed the chair asking who had received these forms and no one associated with R.A.S.P. had received any. In addition, he also questioned why the two residents (he being one) who have wells in their cellars had not been contacted in regards to testing the water.

Mayor ProTem Burns asked Mr. Hiller to find out which people received the permission requests and forward the list to R.A.S.P.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

AT 7:30 P.M. MAYOR PRO TEM BURNS ASKED THE CITY CLERK TO READ THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR N. MASSEY STREET.

### MAYOR PRO TEM BURNS OPENED THE HEARING.

No one spoke.

### MAYOR PRO TEM BURNS CLOSED THE HEARING

#### RESOLUTIONS

#### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Department of Employment and Training has allocated to the City of Watertown six (6) funded training positions under the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program, and

WHEREAS various departments of the City of Watertown can provide training opportunities for young people of the community, and

WHEREAS the City and Jefferson County Department of Employment and Training have cooperated in past years with this same program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby authorizes the City's participation in the 2002 Summer Youth Employment and Training Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Joseph M. Butler, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

# SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

#### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City's Water Filtration Plant during Fiscal Year 2002-03, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to twenty three (23) prospective bidders, with a total of twenty-four (24) bids being received from thirteen (13) vendors, and

WHEREAS on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Superintendent of Water Gary Pilon and Purchasing Agent Robert Cleaver reviewed the bids received and are recommending that the City Council accept the bids submitted by Slack Chemical Company, as detailed below:

### Slack Chemical Company:

Liquid Aluminum Sulfate \$ 169.59/dry net ton

Liquid Chlorine \$ 368.87/one ton cyl

Cylinder deposit \$ 750.00/cyl

Crystal Copper Sulfate \$ .5814/lb

Hydrofluosilicic Acid \$ 259.74/ton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bids submitted by Slack Chemical Company, as detailed above, for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City's Water Filtration Plant.

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WHEREAS on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Superintendent of Water Gary Pilon and Purchasing Agent Robert Cleaver reviewed the bids submitted and are recommending that the City Council accepts the bid submitted by Carbon Activated Corp., as detailed below:

Carbon Activated Corp.:

Activated Carbon

\$740.00/ton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid submitted by Carbon Activated Corp., as detailed above, for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City's Water Filtration Plant.

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WHEREAS Superintendent of Water Gary Pilon and Purchasing Agent Robert Cleaver reviewed the bids received and are recommending that the City Council accept the bid submitted by Eaglebrook Inc., as detailed below:

Eaglebrook Inc.:

Polyaluminum Chloride

\$240.00/ton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid submitted by Eaglebrook Inc., as detailed above, for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City's Water Filtration Plant.

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WHEREAS on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Superintendent of Water Gary Pilon and Purchasing Agent Robert Cleaver reviewed the bids received and are recommending that the City Council accept the bid submitted by Chemical Distributors Inc., as detailed below:

Chemical Distributors Inc.:

Liquid Sodium Silicate

\$152.64/ton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid submitted by Chemical Distributors Inc., as detailed above, for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City's Water Filtration Plant.

# SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed proposals from qualified contractors to operate the City's Paratransit Program, and

WHEREAS request for proposals were issued to twelve (12) prospective agencies, with two local firms submitting proposals, and

WHEREAS on Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., the proposals received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Purchasing Agent Robert Cleaver and Transit Supervisor Sandra Lennox have reviewed the proposals submitted and are recommending that the City Council accept the two-year Lump Sum proposal submitted by Guilfoyle Ambulance Service as the lowest qualifying proposal meeting the City's specifications, and

WHEREAS the term of the Agreement commences on July 1, 2002 and continues until June 30, 2004, with the ability to extend the contract for an additional three (3) year term on a year to year basis, with an annual increase not to exceed 4% per year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the two-year Lump Sum proposal submitted by Guilfoyle Ambulance Service in the amount of \$88,990 for Paratransit Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph M. Butler is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract documents associated with the acceptance of this bid.

# SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Simmons asked who received bid notices.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that while she doesn't know who received them, she does know that Mr. Cleaver sends notices to people who have expressed an interest in the past and to whomever responded to the notice in the paper. In addition, he also uses the listing in the phone book.

### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 created new initiatives to produce and preserve affordable housing including the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and

WHEREAS the HOME Investment Partnerships Program will provide monies to states and local governments to fund affordable housing strategies, and

WHEREAS Section 216(2) of the National Affordable Housing Act provides that a consortium of geographically contiguous units of general local government may apply for funding under the HOME Program, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to cooperate with the County of Jefferson, in order to participate in the North Country HOME Consortium comprised of the County of Jefferson, County of Lewis, and the County of St. Lawrence, to receive funding under the HOME Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor, Joseph M. Butler, to execute, on behalf of the City of Watertown, a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Jefferson to undertake or assist in undertaking housing assistance activities for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

# SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS Charles L. Fluno, P.E., has made application for site plan approval on behalf of Peter and Brenda Cavallario for the construction of a 900 sq. ft. addition and 23 space parking lot at 133, 203 and 207 N. Massey Street, Parcels No. 7-05-121, 7-06-101 and 7-06-123, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the proposed site plan at its May 28, 2002 meeting, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on Tuesday, May 7, 2002, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, contingent upon the following:

- 1. That the handicapped parking space located near the building is shifted closer to the main entrance.
- 2. That the remaining area west of the handicapped parking space is designated as pick-up and delivery only.
- 3. That a building mounted light fixture is added to illuminate the parking and delivery area near the building.
- 4. That a grading and drainage plan be submitted to the City Engineering Department prior to the remote parking lot being paved.

And,

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part 2, and has determined that the project, as submitted, is Unlisted and will not have a significant effect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed construction and site plan constitute an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQRA and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Charles L. Fluno, P.E., on behalf of Peter and Brenda Cavallario for the construction of a 900 sq. ft. addition and 23 space parking lot at 133, 203, and 207 N. Massey Street, Parcels No. 7-05-121, 7-06-101 and 7-06-123, as shown on plans submitted to the City Engineer on April 29, 2002, contingent upon the applicant making the revisions and meeting the requirements listed above in the City Planning Board's recommendation.

#### SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Simmons commented that the Hart & Bruce Funeral Home has concerns about where the kitchen vent and the trash bins will be placed. He stated that they are also concerned about the dead trees located on the boundary line.

Mr. Mix explained that he doesn't know if Codes can tell the business where to locate the vent. He also explained that the two property owners themselves usually address a concern such as the trees.

Mayor ProTem Burns remarked that she was pleased to see a business going into the building, since the Essence Gift Shop is closing.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO READ "THE APPLICANT MUST OWN PARCELS NO. 7-06-101 AND 7-06-123 BEFORE A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED".

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

# AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

The original resolutions numbered 9 - 11 were pulled and replaced with the following four resolutions:

#### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York desires to revitalize the waterfront along the Black River, and

WHEREAS the State of New York has announced that funds are available for starting a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program through Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the City Manager, Jerry C. Hiller, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funding from the New York State Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, to construct a Black River Exhibit at the New York State Living Museum for an amount not to exceed \$15,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City Council in all matters related to this financial assistance.

# SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

(Rules waived by motion of Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.)

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York desires to revitalize the waterfront along the Black River, and

WHEREAS the State of New York has announced that funds are available for starting a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program through Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the City Manager, Jerry C. Hiller, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funding from the New York State Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, to complete a comprehensive Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, design shoreline improvements at Hole Brothers and Route 3 Wave and determine the feasibility of Route 3 Wave modifications, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City Council in all matters related to this financial assistance.

# SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

(Rules waived by motion of Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.)

Prior to voting on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Simmons asked where the \$80,000 would come from.

Mr. Hiller explained that it would come out of taxes or from borrowing, which would also ultimately be paid back through taxes. He stated that they would try for private sector contributions.

Mr. Mix explained that most of these costs would be for planning type activities and therefore, there would probably be very little grant funding available.

Mayor ProTem Burns commented that it makes sense to move forward with the promotion of the Black River, as it will eventually bring a lot of attention to the entire area

### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown desires to develop the recreational potential of the Black River, and

WHEREAS the State of New York has announced that funds are available for parks development projects through the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 and the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jerry C. Hiller, as City Manager of the City of Watertown, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 or Title 3 of the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996, in an amount not to exceed \$22,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the City of Watertown for Waterworks Park Trail Extension and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

# SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

(Rules waived by motion of Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.)

### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York has adopted a resolution authorizing an application to the New York State Environmental Protection Fund and Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for construction of the Route 3 Wave Whitewater Park on the Black River, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate actions it may fund or undertake in light of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the proposed riverfront access improvements along the Black River would constitute such an "Action", and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that the proposed improvements are Unlisted Actions, as that term is defined in 6NYCRR Section 617.2(ak), and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed Whitewater Park will have a significant effect on the environment, Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared by Staff, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that:

- 1. Based upon its examination of the Short Environmental Assessment Form in comparison with the proposed improvements with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant impact on the environment is known and the proposed improvements will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute the Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the City Council is issuing a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.
  - 3. The resolution shall take effect immediately.

# SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

(Rules waived by motion of Councilman Simmons, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.)

The resolution "Approving the Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Charles L. Fluno, P.E. on Behalf of Peter & Brenda Cavallario, to Allow Remote Parking at 203-207 N. Massey Street, Parcels No. 7-06-101 and 7-06-123 was presented to

<u>Council.</u> (Introduced on May 20,2002; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety on page of the 2002 Minutes Book).

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO READ "THE APPLICANT MUST OWN PARCELS NO. 7-06-101 AND 7-06-123 BEFORE A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED".

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

# AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA.

### **LOCAL LAW**

### INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2002 AMENDING SECTION 253 –17 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGE IN SEWER SERVICE CHARGE.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Watertown as follows:

§253-17 of the City Code of the City of Watertown is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### C. Rates.

- (1) The basis for the normal sewer service charge shall be the volume of water consumed from the Public Water Supply System by the individual property owner. The rates for both domestic and industrial metered sewer service within the City of Watertown shall be as follows:
- (a) Quarterly Meter Rates:

First 1200 cubic feet \$24.26 per 1000 cubic feet (8976 gallons) (7480 gallons)

Next 8700 cubic feet \$17.27 per 1000 cubic feet (65076 gallons) (7480 gallons)

Next 90000 cubic feet \$12.51 per 1000 cubic feet (673200 gallons) (7480 gallons)

### (b) Minimum Charge Quarterly for City Use:

Meter Size	Cubic Feet	<u>Gallons</u>	Minimum Charge
5/8"	900	6732	\$ 21.82
3/4"	1500	11220	34.29
1"	2700	20196	55.02
1 ½"	5100	38148	96.43
2"	8400	62832	153.43
3"	15900	118932	254.53
4"	26400	197472	386.21
6"	51900	388212	705.93
8"	84000	628320	1108.43
10"	120000	897600	1502.30

### (2) Elderly Exemption

The basis for the sewer service charge provided to owners of real property inside the City who qualify for the elderly partial tax exemption shall be based upon the following rates:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
1	\$ 2.41
2	4.85
3	7.26
4	9.69
5	12.10
6	14.54
7	16.95
8	18.16

### **AND**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Sewer Service Charge shall be instituted with the sewer bills dated August 1, 2002 and contained on all bills, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its being filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

### SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS

# MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING LOCAL LAW FOR MONDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 P.M.

# MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

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### COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

### **Fairgrounds Task Force Report**

Councilman Clough asked Councilman Smith to give an update to Council on this report.

Councilman Smith explained that he had just received the report as it had been mailed to his former address. He will update the Council in the near future.

#### **Public Safety Study**

Mayor ProTem Burns asked Mr. Hiller when the results of the study would be completed.

Mr. Hiller explained that the fire portion of the study will be completed by the end of June and the police portion should be ready before that.

### **Holcomb/Mullin Intersection**

Mayor ProTem Burns asked if Mr. Hiller had spoken with Chief Piche about this.

Mr. Hiller stated that it had been discussed at the last staff meeting. A formalized request will be sent to NYS DOT for their recommendations.

#### **Joint Meeting with County**

Councilman Simmons asked about these meetings since Mr. Thomas is out for an indefinite time.

Mr. Hiller explained that the next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for next week.

#### **Watertown Wizards**

Councilman Simmons advised everyone that Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is opening night for Watertown Wizards baseball.

### **Hydro Revenues**

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the hydro revenues for May are \$164,000 over the estimate, making it the highest May since they have been keeping production records. However, the sales tax revenue proceeds were down.

### **City Comptroller**

Councilman Smith asked about the status of the hiring process for this position.

Mr. Hiller explained that they are presently in the process of recruiting. However, the applications that have been received are not up to the standards that are required. Therefore, he has discussed with Mr. McCauley the possibility of him staying on for a longer period of time.

### Flag Raising Ceremony

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that there will be a flag raising in front of City Hall on Flag Day, Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 7:45
P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY
COUNCILMAN SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR
THEREOF.

Donna M. Dutton, City Clerk